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Reply to Office Action of 11/16/2007

ARGUMENTS/REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner made a request for legible copies of the English translation of the specification and the Preliminary Amendment. These requirements were met by submission of the above-mentioned items and received by the Patent and Trademark Office on December 3, 2007.

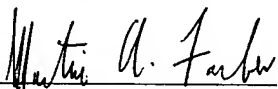
To meet the drawing requirement in the Office Action of November 16, 2007, there is enclosed a new set of drawing sheets comprising five replacement sheets of drawing and one new sheet of drawing. The drawing figures have been redrawn and renumbered, but include the same reference numerals and subject matter. There is no new matter. Sheet 1 includes Figs. 1, 2, 3 that correspond to original Figs. 8, 9, 10. Sheet 2 includes Figs 4, 5 that correspond to original Figs. 10a, 11. Sheet 3 includes Figs. 6, 7 that correspond to original Figs. 12, 13. Sheets 4, 5 and 6 include, respectively, new individual Figures 8, 9 and 10 that are new views, differing from original Figs. 1-7 (the views of original Figs. 1-7 do not appear in the new set of drawing sheets), the new views being presented to facilitate a viewing of the invention.

This response also includes amendments to the specification to conform to texts of the brief description of the drawings and the detailed description of the invention to the numbering of the new set of drawing sheets.

In the event there are further issues remaining in any respect the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone attorney to reach agreement to expedite issuance of this application.

Since the present claims set forth the present invention patentably and distinctly, and are not taught by the cited art either taken alone or in combination, this amendment is believed to place this case in condition for allowance and the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the matter, enter this amendment, and to allow all of the claims in this case.

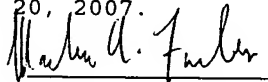
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I hereby certify that the accompanying RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT and 6 drawing sheets are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on December 20, 2007.

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